

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1319
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A RESOLUTION to recognize Evadine Ownby McMahan on the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who in their years of work have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, Evadine McMahan is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for twenty-three years as an employee of the Tennessee State Museum; and

WHEREAS, Ms. McMahan took a much deserved retirement on February 1, 2004; and

WHEREAS, joining the State Museum as a Museum Educator in the War Memorial Building, on November 1, 1980, Ms. McMahan quickly impressed her superiors and, in 1981, was promoted to serve as Director of Education in which position she was responsible for the oversight of Museum Volunteers, Retail Operators, Education Programs, Museum Outreach and Extension Services; and

WHEREAS, elevated to the position of Director of Administration in 1990, Ms. McMahan's responsibilities extended to meeting the overall administrative needs of the Museum; and

WHEREAS, in 1996, Ms. McMahan was named Deputy Executive Director of the Museum; in this capacity she supervised five departments, the Museum's Capitol Projects, building management activities, and general administration of the institution; and

WHEREAS, as a valued member of the staff of the State Museum, Ms. McMahan assisted in the planning and implementation of the Museum's new location in the James K. Polk Cultural Center; and

WHEREAS, she also served as Project Manager of the National Civil Rights Museum in Memphis, the Bicentennial Train, and the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, during the golden years of retirement, Ms. McMahan intends to take advantage of the opportunity to spend more time with her sons, David and Mike, her daughter, Vanessa, her granddaughters, Morgan, Madison, and Ann Clark, and her grandsons, Stroud and Joe; and

WHEREAS, Ms. McMahan exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout her estimable career, Ms. McMahan has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of her colleagues and Museum patrons alike; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we express our utmost gratitude to Evadine Ownby McMahan for her many years of astute and laudable service to the Tennessee State Museum, and extend to her our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.